Price of Vitamin-C

644. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3121 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) when was the price of bulk Vitamin-C fixed by Government under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979;

(b) what is the basis for an increase of Rs. 100/- per kg. in its price after the announcement of DPCO 1987;

(c) whether the Kelkar Committee had recommended for price control of Vitamin-C in its report; and

(d) if so, how the producers have increased the price of Vitamin-C without the announcement of an increase in the price by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Price of Vitamin-C Plain:

M/s. Ambalal Sarabhai Enterprises Ltd. Rs. 240.10/kg 27-3-85

M/s. Jayant Vitamins Rs. 240.10/kg 11-6-85

(b) Increase in cost of production.

(c) and (d) The Kelkar Committee had recommended that all Vitamins, only when used in combinations in formulations, should come under Category II of Price Control. Keeping this recommendations in view, all vitamins as bulk drugs including Vitamin 'C' have been exempted from price control.

Increased Prices of Vitamins

645. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3112 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government received the details as required under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987 for increase in prices of vitamin bulk drugs;

(b) if so what was the earlier price of each before the announcement of DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price;

(c) whether Government have examined the break-up of the price increase; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) To the extent information available is furnished in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Reasons for increase in prices vary from case to case. In general increase is due to increase in the cost of raw material, conversion cost, utilities etc.

Statement

Names of Vitamins	Unit	Price before announcement of DPCO, 1987	Present Price	Name of the Company
1	2	3	4	5
(1) Vitamin A Acetate Dry Powder. (5MIU/gm)	1000 MIU	1297.87	2400	M/s. Roche Products Ltd.
			2600	M/s. Kerala State Drugs Pharma Ltd.

1	2	3	4	5
(2) Vitamin A Palmitate (1.0 MIU /gm)	1000 MIU	990.55	1500	M/s.Roche products Ltd.
			1500	M/s.K.S.D.P. Ltd.
(3) Vitamin A Palmitate (1.7 MIU /gm)	1000 MIU	1020.67	1500	M/s Roche Products Ltd.
(4) Vitamin 'E'	Kg.	552.01	728	M/s.Marck (I) Ltd.
(5) Vitamin'C'	Kg.	219.50	320.00	M/s.Ambalal Sara bhai Ltd.
(6) Vitamin B1 Hcl	Kg.	1005.00	1176.00	M/s.IDPL.
(7) Vitamin B2	Kg.	2098.00 (retantion Price	2348.00	-do-
(8) Vitamin B6	Kg.	1200.00)	1571.69	-do-
(9) Folic Acid	Kg.	2613.62	3241.04	-do-

Price Decontrol of Vitamin-D

646. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3122 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee specifically recommended for price control of Vitamin-D in bulk in its report submitted to Government; and

(b) if so, how Vitamin-D has been exempted from price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Kelkar Committee had recommended that all Vitamins, including Vitamin-D only when used in combinations for formulations should come under Category II of price control, Keeping this recommendation in view all Vitamins as bulk drugs have been exempted from price control.

Soviet Assistance for new Power Projects

647. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the USSR has offered assistance for new hydro electric power projects and thermal power projects in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have since examined the offer; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the main features of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) During the Eighth Meeting of the Indo-Soviet Working Group on Power held at Moscow in October, 1987, the Soviet side indicated their interest in extending assistance on mutually acceptable terms and conditions, for new projects of an aggregate capacity of 3000 MW on which work could start before March, 1990. The USSR authorities have, in addition, offered assistance in the construction of a thermal project of 840 MW capacity, in terms of the Agreement concluded at New Delhi in November, 1987.

Specific projects would be identified keeping in view, *inter-alia* the capa-